

## CHAPTER 6

### SPECIAL MILITARY FUNERAL IMPLEMENTATION

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#### Section I. GENERAL

**124. Persons entitled to special military funeral.**

- a. Deputy Secretary of Defense.
- b. Former Secretary of Defense.
- c. Secretaries of the Army, Navy, and Air Force.
- d. Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.
- e. Five Star Generals and Fleet Admirals.
- f. Chief of Staff, U.S. Army.
- g. Chief of Naval Operations.
- h. Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force.
- i. Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps.
- j. Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard.
- k. Other persons specifically designated by the Secretary of Defense.
- l. Foreign military personnel when designated by the President.

**125. Responsibilities.** a. The Commanding General, Military District of Washington, U.S. Army; Commandant of the Marine Corps; Commandant, Naval District Washington;

Commander, Headquarters Command, U. S. Air Force; or Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard, as appropriate for their respective services, is the designated representative for the Secretary of Defense for the purpose of making all arrangements in connection with the special military funeral in Washington, D.C. in accordance with the procedures herein.

b. When it is desired that the remains not be brought to Washington, D.C., the Army Commander, Commandant of the Naval District, Air Force Commander, or Commandant of the Coast Guard District, as appropriate, in whose area demise occurs, is the designated representative of the Secretary of Defense in accordance with the desires of the immediate family. To this extent he is authorized to carry out such portions of the Special Military Funeral Plan as he may deem appropriate, utilizing local facilities when practicable.

**126. Sequence of events.** See figure 6. Same as indicated in paragraph 87.

#### Section II. ARRIVAL OF REMAINS IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

**127. General.** When demise has occurred elsewhere and the remains are to be moved to Washington, D.C., an appropriate ceremony will be conducted at the point of arrival (MATS Terminal, Washington National Airport; Washington Navy Yard Annex; Union Station; or Andrews Air Force Base).

**128. Participating personnel.** a. *Civilian group:* Same as indicated in paragraph 114b.

b. *Military personnel:* See paragraphs 109c and 114b.

**129. Ceremony at point of arrival.** See figures 7, 8, 9, and 10. Same as indicated in paragraph 24.

**130. Movement to place of repose.** See figure 40. Same as indicated in paragraph 25.

**131. Repose.** Implementation will be as prescribed in paragraphs 26 through 29, except as provided in paragraph 109c.

### Section III. DEPARTURE OF REMAINS FROM PLACE OF REPOSE

**132. General.** The remains will depart from the place of repose at 1200 hours on the second day when burial is in Arlington National Cemetery and a funeral procession is desired. The remains should depart the place of repose at 1300 hours if burial is outside the Washington, D.C., area.

**133. Participating personnel.** *a. Civilian group:*

- (1) Secretary of the Treasury and Party.
- (2) Secretary of Defense and Party.
- (3) Secretaries of the Army, Navy, and Air Force and their respective parties.
- (4) State Department and Diplomatic representatives, and other dignitaries.
- (5) Family.

(6) Honorary pallbearers.

(7) Clergy.

*b. Military personnel:* See paragraph 31b and 109c.

**134. Ceremony at place of repose.** See figures 12, 13, and 40. Same as indicated in paragraph 95.

**135. Departure from place of repose.** See figures 12, 13, and 40. Same as indicated in paragraph 118c.

**136. Funeral service.** Same as indicated in paragraphs 43, 44, 66, and 119, except as provided in paragraph 109c. See figures 20 through 29 for Cathedral or Amphitheater, Arlington National Cemetery, seating plans.

### Section IV. MAIN FUNERAL PROCESSION

**137. General.** Same as indicated in paragraph 120, except as provided in paragraph 109c. See figures 32, 33, 41, and 42.

**138. Interment at Arlington National Cemetery.** Same as indicated in paragraphs 52

through 57, except as indicated in paragraph 109c.

**139. Interment outside Washington, D.C.** Same as indicated in paragraph 63, except as indicated in paragraph 109c.